



Utah State Courts

Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee

January 31, 2017

Base Budget Review for Utah State Courts

Outline

- 1. Progress Report**
 - **Implement an All Electronic Operation**
 - **Improve Performance**
 - **Downsize Workforce**
- 2. Further Improvements Underway**
- 3. Response to Analyst's Recommendations**

Implement All Electronic Operation (effective date of mandatory e-filing)

District Courts

- **Civil (April 1, 2013)**
- **Criminal filings subsequent to initial filing (March 31, 2014)**
- **Criminal information (January 1, 2015)**

Juvenile Courts

- **Juvenile filings – filings subsequent to initial filing (December 1, 2015)**
- **Juvenile case initiation (January 1, 2017)**

Justice Courts

- **Traffic (May 13, 2014)**
- **Criminal (January 1, 2017)**
- **Small Claims (voluntary)**

Appellate Courts

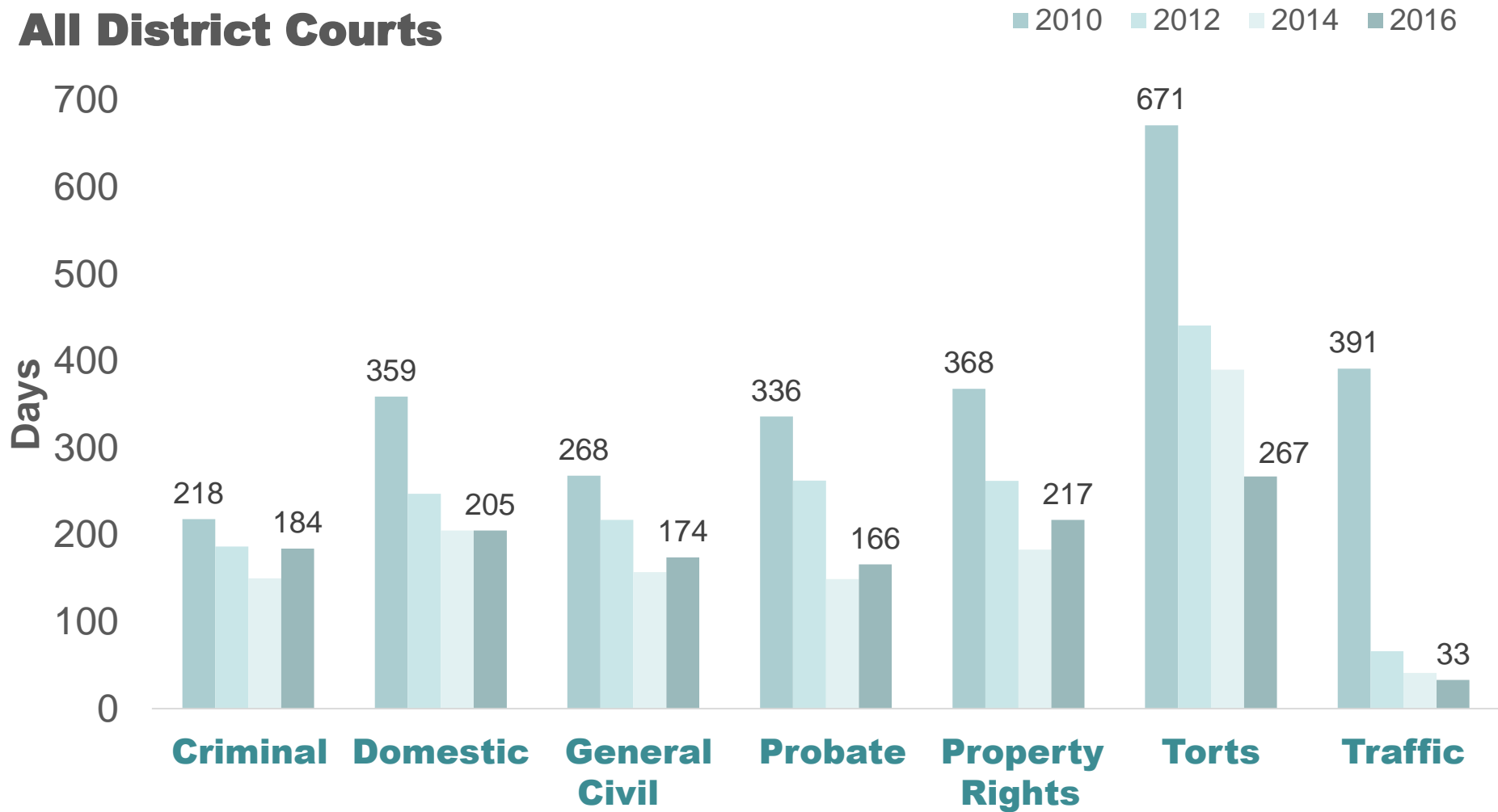
- **All documents being scanned, in advance of mandatory e-filing**

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Improving Service and Convenience (FY 2016)

▪ # of electronic documents received	7,577,532
▪ # of electronic document accessed remotely	1,015,771
▪ Amount of fines, fees, costs paid electronically	\$75,570,753
▪ # of warrants issued electronically	181,265
▪ # of web page views	8,421,832
▪ # of filings/pleadings prepared and filed off OCAP	25,743
▪ # of people served remotely by Self-Help Center	21,371
▪ # of District Court hearings conducted remotely	1,442

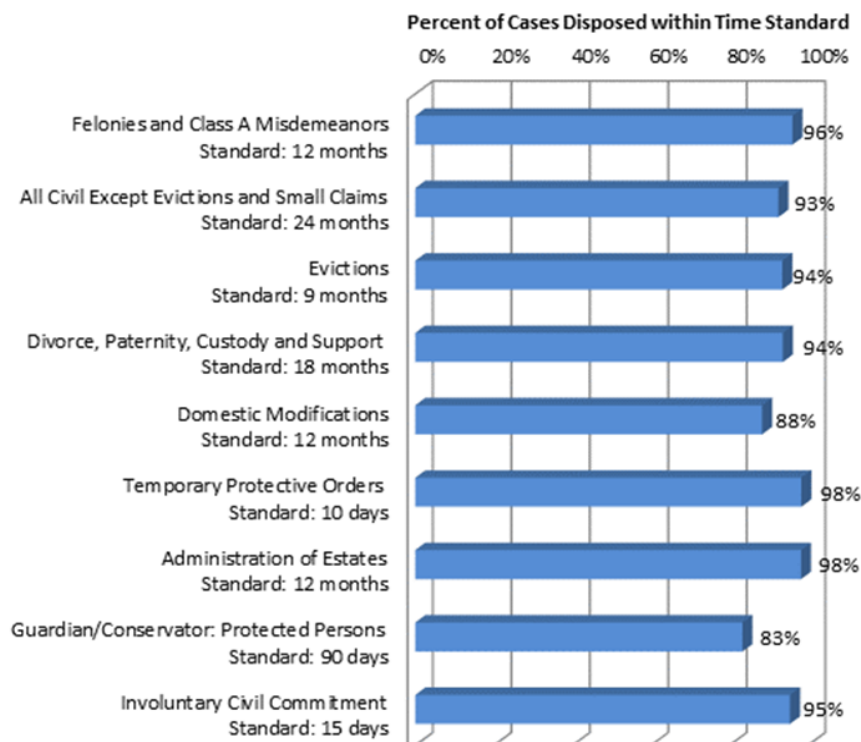
Average Age of Active Pending Cases All District Courts



This chart displays the average age of actively pending cases at four reporting periods since 2010. The age of active pending cases is used to identify areas in which backlog may exist. Cases are considered actively pending if the court case can proceed.

2016 Q4 - Time to Disposition - District Court

Time to Disposition: District Courts Case Dispositions Meeting Recommended Time Standard¹ July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016



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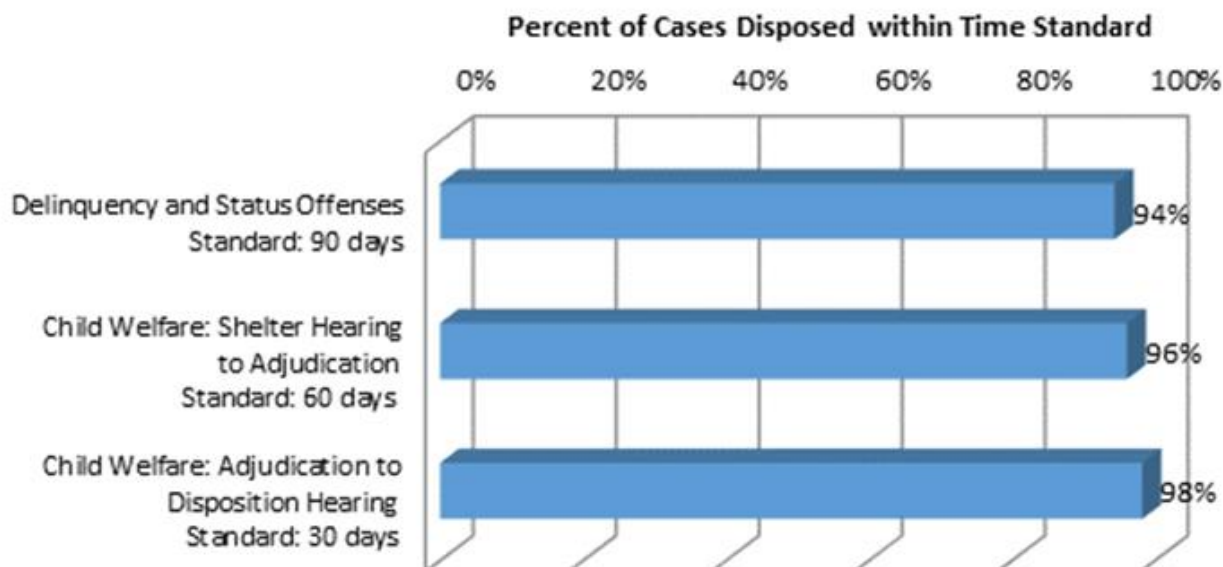
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Time to Disposition: Juvenile Courts

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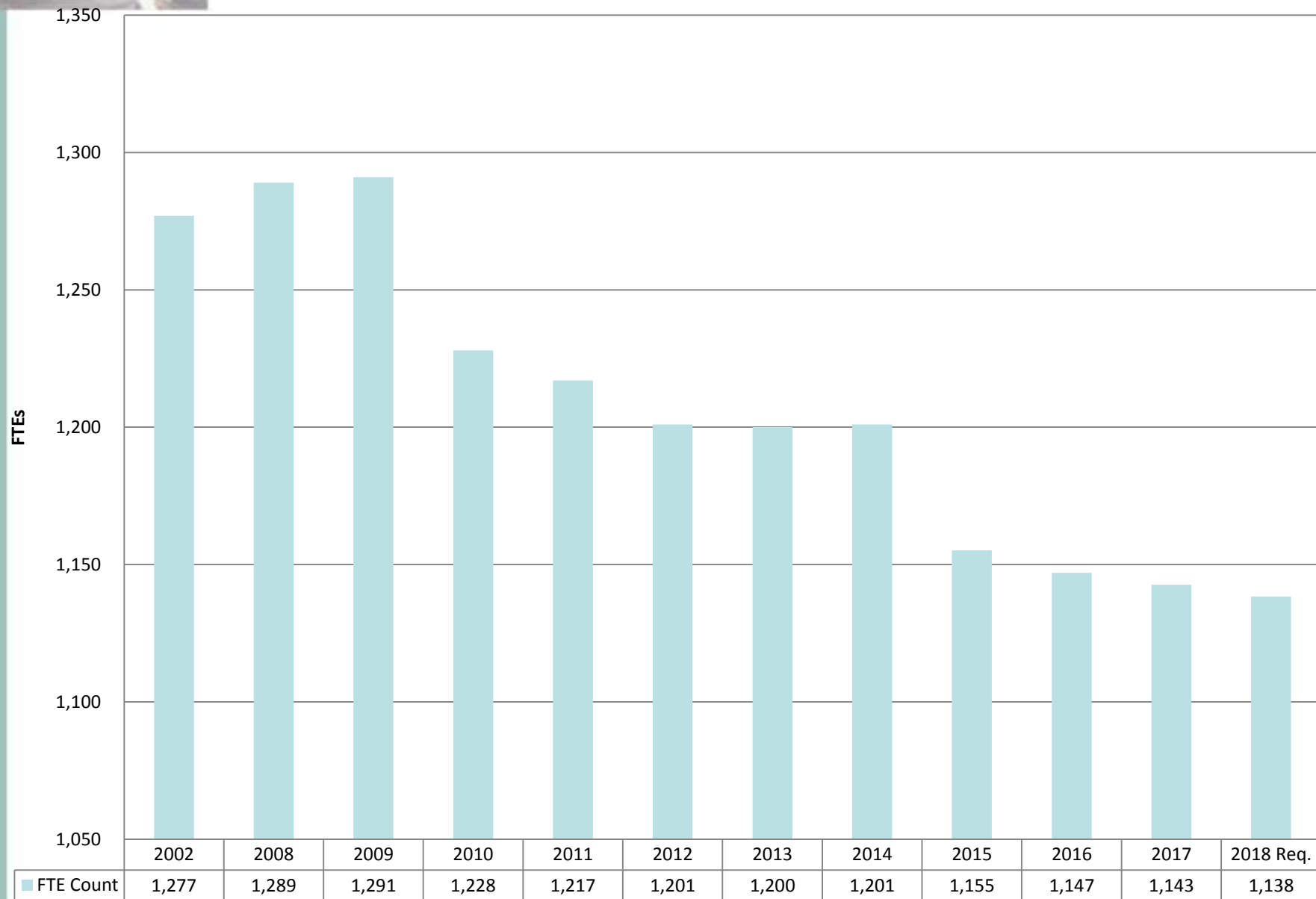
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Courts FTE Counts Over Time



Further Improvements Underway

- **Licensed Paralegal Practitioner**
Practice Areas:
 - **Debt Collection**
 - **Landlord Tenant**
 - **Domestic Relations**
- **On Line Dispute Resolution**
Small Claims:
 - **Negotiation**
 - **Mediation**
 - **Judicial Resolution**
- **Domestic Case Management Study**

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Analyst Base Budget Recommendations

Reductions

One time funds - support

- \$250,000 Current Expense
- \$200,000 Non-Lapsing Balance
- \$549,100 O&M Cost Delay
- \$29,800 Fiscal Note for Grandparent Rights Legislation

Ongoing funds – do not support

- \$866,000 Elimination of Two Judgeships